



CADDO NATION

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ANNUAL CADDO FESTIVAL HELD AT THE OKLAHOMA HISTORY CENTER

The Caddo Festival, "Balance & Order in Traditional Ways", was held at the Oklahoma History Center (OHC) at the State Capitol in Oklahoma City, on Saturday, March 2, 2013. Sponsored by the Caddo Nation and the Metro Caddo Cultural Club, the festival began with a symposium and crafts in the morning at 10:00 a.m. and ended with a Caddo traditional dance performance in the afternoon from 2:00-5:00 p.m.

The symposium "Harmony in mind, Body and Spirit" was held in the Chesapeake Event Center. Caddo tribal member, Dolores Subia Big-Foot, PhD., Director, Indian Country Child Trauma Center And Project Making Medicine at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, led the discussion. Dr. BigFoot is a child psychologist with extensive experience in Indigenous teachings and practices. "I am honored to be able to speak about Caddo traditional ways", said Dr. BigFoot. "These teachings were understood to bring balance and harmony into one's lives."

Dr. BigFoot is highly regarded as a national expert in translating cultural based teachings for present applications with families, especially, healing practices. Her presentation discussed the use of Caddo traditional ways of extended family network, songs, storytelling, and the arts that are still



Caddoes turkey dancing in the Devon Great hall with a silhouette of the Oklahoma State Capitol seen through the glass atrium.

viable and can be used in current exchanges among families and teachers today.

Moir RedCorn, D.O., Psychiatric Physician, Director of the Counsel-

ing Division of the Cherokee Nation in Tahlequah, is an advocate for health lifestyles in Native children. Dr. Red-

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IN THE NEWS

Caddo Festival (continued from pg. 1)

Corn, Caddo/Potawatomi/Osage, has worked with urban and reservation Natives through her medical practice and through the Notah Begay III Foundation. "I feel fortunate to have had the opportunities that I have had", said Dr. RedCorn, secretary for the NB3. "The Caddo and Osage tribes provide a base of strength from which I draw." Dr. RedCorn discussed health traditions both mental and physical. Emphasis of the panel members was on vigorous and balanced lives as was originally practiced by the Caddo people of historical times. The University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center set up booths with educational materials for families, diabetes and wellness. The Caddo Nation also set up informational booths of the health and wellness programs and other various tribal programs.

The Traditional Crafts Demonstrations of the Caddo people took place in various locations of the OHC. These crafts have been handed down for many generations and continue to be highly embraced by current artists and taught to future artists. These crafts add to the connections between mind and body and teach patience and service to the community. Nationally and internationally known artist, Jeri RedCorn, showed her talents in the process of creating Caddo pottery. Recognized as reviving Caddo Pottery, Jeri is noted for her art exhibited in the White House Oval Office.

Caddo moccasin making was demonstrated by Yonavea Hawkins, award winning artist. "I am privileged to learn the art of moccasin making from my mother", Yonavea said. "And each time I begin a design I think of her and the other Caddo women of long ago."

Phil Cross, master craftsman, took the observers through the area of crafting drums. "Selecting the wood, the

hide, and knowing the techniques and materials are critical to the finished drum", Phil said.

One percussion instrument used in many dances is "shakers" attached to women's ankles to keep rhythm. "My dad, Randlett Edmonds, taught me how to put these together either with turtle shells or cans", said Donna Williams, Caddo/Wichita, "and the correct way to dance with them around the fire." The public was able to ask questions and interact with the crafts demonstrators.

The Caddo Traditional Dance Performances were held in the Devon Great Hall. The emcee, Phil Cross, provided an educational explanation preceding each dance and the songs associated with the dance. "These dances have been handed down for many generations", he commented. "Some dances are ceremonial and some are social and fun."

The dancers and singers connect mind, body and spirit, splicing through multi-generations in a community en-

deavor. While artistic in nature, the dances emphasize a vigorous activity for all ages. Wearing traditional Caddo clothes, the dancers create a colorful, natural choreography. Included in the dances were the Turkey or Victory dance, Drum dance, Fish dance, Bear dance, Duck dance, Alligator dance, and the Bell dance.

The festival was open to the public, and many Caddo people of all ages, who don't get to travel to the dances held at the Tribal Complex, were in attendance.



NOTICE:

The Caddo Nation
Tribal Enrollment
Office is
**CLOSED EVERY
WEDNESDAY!!**

We apologize for
any inconveniences.

Thank You

IN THE NEWS



NOTICE OF UPCOMING ELECTION

This is to serve as notice to all members of the Caddo Nation that a tribal election will be held July 13, 2013. All tribal members are asked to update their addresses. Tribal members who will be 18 years of age as of July 8, 2012 are encouraged to register. A registration form can be downloaded from the tribal website at www.caddonation-nsn.org. The Caddo Election Board's number is (405) 656-2344, and the mailing address is:

*Caddo Nation Election Board
P.O. Box 304
Binger, OK 73009*



POSITIONS TO BE ON BALLOT

**Chairman
Vice-Chairman
Secretary
Treasurer
Oklahoma City Representative
Binger Representative
Hearing Board**



IN THE NEWS

TRIBAL MEMBER SPOTLIGHTED

Every once in awhile, we like to spotlight a tribal member who, to us, deserves the recognition.

Meet Kenneth Attocknie, one of our fine tribal members who fits into that category.

Kenneth was raised in Ft. Cobb and Carnegie, and graduated from Carnegie High School in 1990. After high school, he attended Stanford University, receiving his Bachelor's of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1996.

After college, he worked two years at NASA-Ames Research Center (Mountain View, CA) at the U.S. Space Camp Foundation teaching elementary school children math and science.

He moved to Houston, TX in 1999 and worked at NASA's Johnson Space Center (JSC) in the Mission Con-



Kenneth Attocknie

trol Center as a Flight Controller for the International Space Station (ISS). Kenneth worked over 3,500 hours of console operations, eight Space Shuttle missions, the first eleven ISS increments and served as Lead Thermal

Control System Officer for Increment 11.

Kenneth continued to work at Johnson Space Center as a Senior Safety Engineer for the final Space Shuttle missions as well as a Senior Safety Engineer for the new Orion vehicle (2007-2011).

He is currently working in the Astronaut Office at JSC as a Senior Engineer for the ISS vehicle.

Kenneth's wife's name is Jessica and they have a 19 month old son named Regi. Kenneth enjoys mountain biking, poker, and watching Sooner football in his spare time. He is the grandson of Caddo tribal member, Justina Joyce (Guy) Kelly. He is a direct descendant of Harry "Duscut" Inkanish.

STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE

On Feb 23, 2013, Kaylynn Smith and Cheyenne Sullivan competed in the North American Grappling Association Tournament where Kaylynn won her division by "armbar" and was awarded 1st Place for her efforts, with Cheyenne being awarded 2nd Place.

Both girls are members of and represent "Team Warpath", and are coached by Kenneth Chavez and Justin Smith out of The Hard Road Gym in Carnegie, OK.

Their training schedule can be up to six days/week, depending on what tournaments are pending. The girls not only juggle this task, but add school academics, basketball, softball, Honor Choir, drama/speech, Honor Society, SWAT and Beta Club, and these young Caddo sisters have plenty going on in their lives. They truly enjoy and love grappling with a passion. It gives them confidence that no other sport can give, and it doesn't matter what gender you are, the best-

trained will be the victor. You can follow them on Twitter, @chewy4520 and @elgato4520, to see when and where their next competition will be.



Pictured above: 1st Place-Kaylynn Smith, 2nd Place-Cheyenne Sullivan, 3rd Place-Faith Marcum.

-NOTICE-

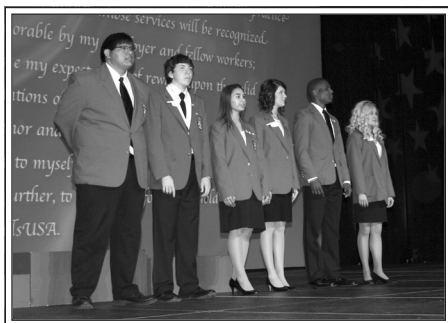
The Caddo Nation Education Department is accepting applications for the Higher Education Program scholarships. The deadline for the Fall 2013 term is July 15, 2013. Applications received after this date will not be considered for funding. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Limited funding is available, and scholarships are awarded on a first come, first served basis for COMPLETED applications. This means that all requested documentation has been submitted along with the application.

For more information, please contact the Caddo Nation Education Department at (405) 656-2344.

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Swearing-in of newly elected SkillsUSA State Officers and National Officer Candidates for the State of Oklahoma.

Thomas Worcester, Jr. of Fort Cobb was recently elected as a Skills USA National Officer Candidate for the State of Oklahoma during the 47th Annual Skills USA State Convention, held in Tulsa on April 21-23, 2013. He was nominated for this honor by the Caddo Kiowa Technology Center (CKTC) in Ft. Cobb, OK, where he is currently enrolled in the Digital Imaging and Printing Technology program.

Thomas went through a screening process in early April at the State Department of Career Tech, which included an interview, professional development test and officer training review. The candidates then received a score from the judges to see who would be eligible for the state campaign.

He then had to take his campaign to Tulsa for a vote of the post secondary students from across the state, which included giving a speech and being asked questions from the current state Skills USA officers. Thomas wowed the crowd with his speech which included speaking in Caddo. "Wist-see cah-oha-ah da cah-da cah-kee-ah - One day a leader will come."

Thomas was also a member of the Skills USA quiz bowl team which finished first in District 4 back in February of 2013. The quiz bowl team faced 11 other Quiz Bowl teams from across the state and finished out of the top 3 but represented Caddo Kiowa TC very well. On top of that Thomas also competed in the Skills USA Graphic Communications skills contest finishing 4th in the state in the post secondary division.

He will now go to Kansas City, MO on June 23 - 28, 2013 and vie for the National Skills USA officer as the representative of the Oklahoma delegation. Then the Oklahoma officers will travel to Washington DC for a leadership seminar.

The Oklahoma Skills USA officers will be traveling across the state of Oklahoma during the 2013-2014 school year as ambassadors of Skills

USA, and Thomas will also be representing CKTC, the Digital Imaging & Printing Technology Program, as well as the Caddo Nation.

Thomas is a humble person who strives to do well at anything that comes his way. He has participated in many activities at CKTC including: Character First Assemblies, A Minute To Win It competitions, filming the Caddo County High School Basketball Tournament games for the live stream from Caddo Kiowa, and SkillsUSA Quiz Bowl team.



Thomas Worcester, Jr.

He also sits on the Student Advisory Council and has been inducted into the National Technical Honor Society.

Thomas is currently a participant in the Caddo Nation JP&T Program and is a shining example of new, young leaders emerging from the Caddo Nation.

CADDO YOUTH WIN FIRST PLACE AT LANGUAGE FAIR

The University of Oklahoma Language Fair was held at the Sam Noble Museum of Natural History on March 3, 2013 for 6th - 12th grade students. Naia Montoya, Seneca Murphy, Angel Connywerdy and Shoshoni Murphy sang "Kwai-hut Ha-cha-shu", and won First Place in the 6th - 8th grade category. These four young Caddo ladies were poised and their performance touched everyone in the audience. They represented the Caddo Nation well and were sponsored by the Metro Caddo Cultural

Club.

Naia is the daughter of Robin Williams, granddaughter of Donna Edmonds and Wilford Williams, great-granddaughter of Randlett and Geneva Edmonds. Seneca and Shoshoni are the daughters of JJ and Chad Murphy, granddaughters of Terry and Mike Ragland, great-granddaughters of Carol Cross and Harry James. Angel is the daughter of Kricket and Kevin Connywerdy, granddaughter of Jana Butler Rhoads, great-granddaughter of Carol Henry Butler.



Pictured l-r, Naia Montoya, Seneca Murphy, Angel Connywerdy and Shoshoni Murphy.

PROGRAM UPDATES

CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The Caddo Nation Child Development Program consists of a collaborative agreement between the Caddo Nation Head Start and Child Care Programs. The CNCD has an open door policy and is always taking applications for both children and for employment. If you are interested in either, feel free to visit the office located north of Anadarko, OK, by Riverside Indian School and the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes complex. Child care assistance as well as head start are offered.

The CNCD is always looking for volunteers and various resources for in-kind. In-kind is the Non-Federal

Share needed to match the Federal Share of our grant. Some examples of In-Kind are: hours worked or trainings received that are free of charge or at a discounted rate, donations of items, the list goes on and on. If you have anything you would like to donate, or would like to help out, let us know.

Questions, concerns, complaints or suggestions can be directed to Tina Soto, Head Start Director at (405) 247-3686, or via email at tsoto@caddonation.org.

The Caddo Nation Special Diabetes Program Offers assistance to all enrolled Caddo members nationwide with Diabetes supplies. We also assist diabetic tribal members with eyeglasses, hearing aids, and dentures.

– Program eligibility requires –

- Be and enrolled Caddo member
- Be diagnosed with Diabetes

Contact Carol Wheeler at (405) 656-2882, or visit the tribal website at www.caddonation-nsn.gov to download an application.

Attention Caddo Tribal Members!

The Caddo Nation Indian Child Welfare (ICW) Program is seeking those interested in being foster parents for our Caddo children. There is a growing need and concern in placing our Caddo children in placements that respect the culture and heritage of the Caddo Nation.

The ratio in placing our Caddo children with non-tribal or Indian is high!

If you are interested, please contact Mary Prentiss at (405) 656-9231 or come by the tribal headquarters, located at the junction of Hwys. 152 and 281 - 5 miles east of Binger, OK, and fill out an application so we can get started in assuring our children are in the best of care.

6th Annual Jim Thorpe 5K Race

Race serves as:

Native American 5K National Championship • Community 5K Run
& N.M. USATF 5K Road State Championship

Saturday, June 29, 2013

This race is
certified &
sanctioned
by USATF
of New
Mexico

SOUTHWESTERN INDIAN POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE

9169 Coors Rd. NW • Albuquerque, NM
(Southeast of Paseo del Norte & Coors Boulevard)

5K RACE DIVISIONS

- The **Native American 5K National Championship** is open to all American Indian /Alaska Natives and First Nations people of Canada.
- The **NM 5K Road State Championship** is open to all New Mexico USATF registered participants.
- The **Community 5k Run** is open to all with no restrictions.

The 5k course is a two-loop paved flat course designed for extremely fast altitude times. All divisions of the 5K run are eligible for state age group records.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS: TBA

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

SportsWarriorsTC@aol.com
(505) 710-3323
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Competitive Races

- ♦ 5 K Runs (All Divisions)
- ♦ 1K Kids race (12 & Under)

Non-Competitive Races

- ♦ 1 & 2 Mile Fitness Walks
- ♦ 300 Meter Toddler Dash

300 meter participants
receive goodie bags

Native design awards
to top finishers

Post Race
Refreshments with
your entry

7 New State Records
set on this course

Awards in multiple age
divisions

There will be a traditional Pueblo style throw open to everyone in attendance.

100% of race proceeds support Sports Warriors Track Club Mission and Goals.

All past and present WINGS OF AMERICA runners, facilitators, coaches, Board of Directors, staff and supporters are invited to join us for a renewal of friendship gathering.

**OFFICIAL FORM
CADDO NATION GENERAL ELECTION BOARD
P.O. BOX 304
BINGER, OK 73009
VOTER REGISTRATION**

PLEASE PRINT

NAME: _____ **PHONE #:** () _____

MAIDEN NAME: _____ **DATE OF BIRTH** _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ROLL #:** _____

(PLEASE CHECK AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING)

_____ I GIVE THE CADDO NATION GENERAL ELECTION BOARD PERMISSION TO RELEASE MY INFORMATION (NAME, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE #) TO THE CADDO NATION OFFICE FOR THE PURPOSE OF MY RECEIVING THE CADDO NATION NEWSLETTER OR OTHER CORRESPONDENCE.

_____ NEW VOTER-I HAVE NEVER REGISTERED TO VOTE.

_____ NEW CARD-I AM A GENERAL VOTER OF CADDO NATION AND WOULD LIKE A NEW VOTER'S ID CARD.

_____ I AM UPDATING YOUR FILES WITH CURRENT INFORMATION. (CHANGE OF NAME, PHONE #, ADDRESS) *PLEASE INCLUDE ALL NAMES YOU HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED BY.*

_____ I AM REQUESTING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT TO VOTE BECAUSE OF THE FOLLOWING: *(PLEASE CHECK ONE)*

_____ TEMPORARY ABSENTEE VOTER-I AM A QUALIFIED REGISTERED VOTER AND WILL NOT BE ABLE TO VOTE IN MY DISTRICT ON THE DAY OF THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION (DUE TO ILLNESS, TRAVEL, ETC.)

_____ PERMANENT ABSENTEE VOTER-I AM A QUALIFIED REGISTERED VOTER AND REQUEST TO BECOME A PERMANENT ABSENTEE VOTER BECAUSE I AM 65 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, OR HAVE INFIRMITIES WHICH MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR ME TO VOTE IN PERSON AT THE POLLING PLACE IN MY DISTRICT.

_____ NON-RESIDENT STATUS-I AM A REGISTERED VOTER WHO RESIDES MORE THAN THIRTY FIVE (35) MILES FROM THE NEAREST POLLING PLACES (QUALIFIES PERMANENT ABSENTEE VOTER)

AS AN ENROLLED MEMBER OF THE CADDO NATION OF OKLAHOMA, I DO HEREBY REQUEST THAT MY NAME BE ADDED TO THE REGISTER OF QUALIFIED VOTERS AND/OR THAT I MAY RECEIVE AN ABSENTEE BALLOT. I UNDERSTAND THAT I WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE DURING THE CADDO NATION ELECTIONS, BOTH GENERAL AND REFERENDUM, ACCORDING TO MY CONSCIENCE, CONCERNING ISSUES AND ELECTION OF THE TRIBAL OFFICIALS.

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

THIS REGISTRANT HAS MET THE REQUIREMENTS AS A QUALIFIED VOTER OF THE CADDO NATION OF OKLAHOMA.

SIGNATURE OF THE CADDO NATION ELECTION BOARD REGISTRAR

—RECURRING EVENTS—

**Wednesdays @ 6:30pm
Hasinai Society Meetings**

**1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month @ 7:00pm
Culture Club Meetings
and Shuwi ti ti drumgroup practice**

—UPCOMING EVENTS—

May 03, 2013 **Headstart Zoo Trip**
May 18, 2013 **Honor Dance for Alaina Poole,
Caddo Tribal Princess**
May 27, 2013 **Memorial Day, Tribal Offices Closed**
June 7-9, 2013 **Red Earth Festival**
June 28 & 29, 2013 **Murrow's Annual Dance**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND THESE EVENTS!

***If you have any information to add to this list,
or have an upcoming event you would like listed, please
contact the Caddo Nation Newsletter
at the information listed to the right.
THANK YOU!***

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